The National Federation of theBlind Community Service Division presents:

May The Mission, The Movement,, The Milestone (NFB4MServe).

This is a Month long effort in which:

The **mission** is to give of our talents and skills to people and places in our communities. We want our sighted friends and neighbors to understand that the blind can and do give, and are not always the “takers” society might have us be.

The **movement is all of us as the organized blind furthering our message through community service that blindness is not the characteristic that defines us or our future. It is also us coming together to support each other as we find the ways we will give back along side our sighted peers.**

**T**he **milestone is the results; the raising of expectations of the blind and the celebration of the difference that we will have made as a federation family by coming together to share our successes and work through our obstacles in order to ultimately strengthen the Federation and break down barriers to full participation in society.**

 You can take part in this project individually or with your chapter , by engaging in a community service project, such as

volunteering for a nonprofit organization, local church or school, or

helping those in need in your neighborhood. Participants will be able

to share ideas and receive support during bi-weekly conference calls, use the hashtag #NFB4MServe to tweet about their community service activities

, and will also have the opportunity to write about

their experiences on the National Community Service Division’s official blog, www.nfbcommunityservice.org/blog. The purpose of the blog is to communicate to society that the blind are active participants, contributors and collaborators in society. The Blog is a outlet through which we showcase by way of community Service/volunteerism what we believe in the Federation, that we as blind people can live the life we want and that blindness isn’t what holds us bak from doing so. .

The first call will take place on Sunday, May 1, at 8:30 pm EST. The Call- in information for this, and all other calls is as follows: (712)432-0140 and the access code is 808277. The

specific dates of each call are as follows:

Sunday, 5/1: 8:30 pm Eastern/5:30 pm Pacific

Sunday, 5/15: 8:30pm Eastern/5:30 pm Pacific.

Tuesday, 5/31: 8:30 pm Eastern/5:30 pm Pacific.

 If you are interested in being a part of this exciting project, you

can:

1. join any of the above mentioned calls at the times listed.
2. check out our website at [www.nfbcommunityservice.org](http://www.nfbcommunityservice.org).
3. follow us on twitter at “@nfbcsdivision”.
4. join our Facebook page by searching for “National Federation of the Blind Community Service division..

We Hope you are as excited to get started as we are to get this going!

Should you have any questions over the course of this effort, please do not hesitate to email us at nfb4mserve@nfbcommunityservice.org.

Yours in the Movement,

The #NFB4Mserve Leadership Team.